



Hamilton Contract Bridge Club

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From the President

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Hello Fellow Members

The year is fast drawing to a close and soon we will be switching the air-conditioners from heat mode to cool.

The Club has just hosted its Annual Labour Weekend Congress which has been a great success. The Tournament was well organised as always with great help from our members. Particular thanks must be given to Ella Gray for running the event and to Jane Sandelin and her team of helpers who presented excellent meals to the players over the three days. Jane, you and your team did fantastically well.

The Annual NZ Bridge Congress saw many of our members take part and some of the results are within this newsletter. Many of you who do not play at Congress should seriously consider it in the coming years. It is not just reserved for Open players and there are a number of events where Junior and Intermediate players can participate. There is also a Novice event.

The Club sessions have been well supported by members, with the Friday morning group attracting excellent numbers. Our new members are actively playing on Tuesday evenings and Friday mornings.

We have plans to paint the exterior of the building in November with the help of our members. After a professional wash down, we will be having a painting working bee to get the building painted. Hopefully you will support us to make the job easier.

Please note the change in the AGM date which is now scheduled for 20 November 2016.

Happy bridging everyone.

Mark Thomson

Club President

From the Club Captain

Hi there, fellow bridge enthusiasts

I had a thought the other day! Actually, two. Unusual I know. I would like to share them with you - but bear with me, I sometimes ramble.

My husband, Jol, and I did the lessons (thank you, Blair and Barry) and joined the club in 2013 - not so long ago! We remember moving into the "big room" after lessons and were so nervous. Jol and I were lucky because we had each other, but we still had some scary experiences that almost made us give up. Someone called the director on my very first hand! Now I know that is nothing, but at the time I felt so, so bad. We had a few hairy things happen to us early on, so my first plea to you all is to be very, very kind to everyone, because you just never know how people are feeling or who they have to support them.

My second thought; I often play South or East and Jol plays North or West. Nothing to do with the fact that I like to control the Bridgемate - it just happens that way!!! Anyway, because I am the one entering the scores, I have an advantage over Jol in knowing the names of fellow club members. Even so, there are many names that I still can't remember. A few things have happened recently to make me aware that we are not the

only people who struggle with names. It is those times where you know people so well that it is embarrassing to ask them their names.

The solution! Please wear your name badge.

If we all wear our name badges every time, then it won't take long before we are all on a first name basis. Now, wouldn't that be nice!

Catherine Glyde

Club Captain

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING - *Change of Date*

This year's Annual General Meeting and social bridge will now be held on Sunday 20 November, starting at 3.30pm. After the AGM, there will be social bridge, followed by Christmas dinner at around 6pm, all for only \$10. Some committee members stand down this year and others are needed to fill various roles - would you like to be the Club Captain? This role involves welcoming new members, promoting our tournaments and organising and promoting club social and fund-raising events - think Quiz nights, Soup and Bun socials, Mid-winter socials. The club is also looking for a person to organise the purchase and monitoring of kitchen and building supplies - you don't need to be a committee member.

THURSDAY PARTNER STEWARD REQUIRED

Do you like match-making? Encouraging new bridge partnerships?

Margaret, our long-standing Thursday partner steward, is retiring from doing this at the end of the year. Could you fill the role? You need to be contactable by phone during the week and prepared to play when no other partners are available.



UPDATE YOUR PHONE NUMBER

Have you moved house this year? Got rid of your land line? Is your number in the current book wrong? Please update on the list at the bridge club.

A Warm Welcome to our New Members

Stephen Baptist	829 8631	Janice Jeffs	829 8377
Stephen Bennett	829 7575	Megan Jolly	021 2989920
Peter Clarke	838 1700	Olwen Kerr	855 2148
Mereana Cullen	858 7404	Trish Kingston	027 4333666
Leanne Curry	843 4095	Jenny McGhee	853 8960
Rita Davies	850 5914	Maureen Murphy	849 5368
Susan-Jane Davies	027 2368949	Robert Patrick	854 0444
Murray de Luen	850 9363	Donna Prentice	854 3535
Jane Divett	838 0203	Michael Scott	855 1475
Susan Ewen	829 7575	Norman Thomson	855 8679
Lynnette Flowers	854 0899	Rita van den Einden	07 8886077
Moira Fraser	853 5546	Mary Waldron	027 2369444
Ian Gilbert	855 7653	Jill Waugh	027 7226204
Nan Holdsworth	850 5831	Carrol Willoughby	854 0426
Judith Howard	07 8883670	Janice Wilton	849 0244

Hospital safeguards the heartbeat of the club

During October, the Bridge club became the proud recipient of a donated heart defibrillator, courtesy of the Cardiology Clinical Trials Unit of Waikato Hospital. While we hope the defibrillator is never used, it is good to know it is close at hand if ever needed. The defibrillator will be located in the foyer area and includes instructions on its use. A number of the club directors and committee members will also be formally trained in its use in the very near future.

We thank the Trials Unit for this kind donation and encourage club members to seriously consider taking part in any surveys or trials if approached by the Cardiology Trials Unit in the future.



Directors' Corner

Bridge Etiquette - Part 2

Tempo / Hesitations

- Acquire the habit of playing smoothly and in tempo. Avoid mannerisms, meaningful eye contact, sighs, grimaces and using extra words such as "I guess I need to pass".
- Avoid hesitations by being consistent and deliberate in your bidding. A hesitation followed by a pass places an extra burden on partner to justify continuing with the bidding as this may have communicated information to partner.
- If you have a difficult decision you have a right to think, but partner cannot take advantage of the knowledge that you had a problem. So, if your partner takes time to bid or bids out of tempo and then passes, you should pass too, unless that action would be totally illogical considering your hand.

On Dummy Play

The following represents good practice when one is dummy:

- Dummy should lay out the cards before entering the contract in the Bridgemate or writing down details. This ensures the other players at the table are not kept waiting.
- Dummy may not ask for a review of the auction.

More on Play Generally – Clarification of Quitted Trick

A quitted trick is when all cards for a trick are placed face down. Until a player faces their own card down, that player is entitled to inspect cards faced down by other players. After facing a card down, a player may inspect their own card until their side has led or played to the next trick.

Recent events at our club (and nearby)

North Island Pairs - Saturday/Sunday 6/7 August

New Zealand Bridge runs the North Island Pairs, rotated around several centres, which this year Hamilton hosted. With 20A points up for grabs, this prestigious tournament attracts many of the top players in New Zealand. Amongst the Hamilton players who competed were most of our Grand Masters: Liz Fisher, Blair Fisher, Barry Jones, Jenny Millington, Yuzhong Chen, Brett Glass, Tim Healy, Helen Healy, Ian Clayton, Cynthia Clayton, Malcolm Smith, Karen Harris.

After qualifying rounds on day 1, the pairs were split into 3 sections. Trevor Robb and Andrew Janisz, members of this year's New Zealand Seniors team for the [Olympiad events in Poland](#) (2016 World Bridge Games) were victorious in the top section. In the flight (third) section, Ian Clayton and his partner came 2nd, with the Healys finishing 3rd.

Waikato Bays Main Regional Swiss Pairs and Hamilton Junior Pairs - Saturday 10 September

Our club hosted these two tournaments the same day as the All Blacks - Argentina game at the stadium, meaning some complicated logistics for the parking team. Both tournaments were again very successful, thanks to Ella Gray and her team of helpers. In the Open Swiss Pairs, Barry Jones and Jenny Millington finished a close second after leading for most of the competition. The first-time pairing of Wendy Mortimer and Trini Lin had an impressive result in the Junior tournament, coming first in the morning session and second overall for the day, while Jacqui Mackenzie and Bruce Cresswell were third in the morning session. The Novice section was won in convincing manner by Donna Prentice and Jane Muggeridge.

Congratulations to these members, and thanks to all those who took part, by either playing in or helping out with these tournaments.

Hamilton Congress Weekend - 22-24 October

The Labour Weekend holiday meant a lot of work for many (if playing bridge counts as work!) at the annual Hamilton Congress. The first event was the congress pairs on the Saturday. Sunday was the qualifying event for the Waikato/Bays provincial teams competition. On Monday, the Waikato/Bays consolation Swiss pairs and the provincial teams final and plate competitions finished up the long weekend of bridge. Once again, the club hosted a very successful tournament. Many thanks for all their hard work to Ella, Jane, Karen and all those who helped out with the kitchen, setting up the venue, scoring, and in other ways. Without you all, we could not run these much-appreciated events.

Cambridge Sixes - 13 August 2016

The Cambridge Sixes is now the largest one day bridge event in NZ. This year 42 teams of six - 252 players! - took part in the enjoyable Swiss pairs competition. Each team of six is made up of 2 Open players, 2 Intermediates and 2 Juniors, with prizes awarded for each grade and for the combined team results. It provides not only serious bridge but also a lot of fun between rounds, with Trivia quizzes and prizes for the teams judged to be wearing the most "distinctive uniform". Congratulations to "The Chiwis" from our Club who were top team overall at the Cambridge Sixes. The team of Yuzhong Chen & Herman Yuan (Open), Mark Thomson & Jeffrey Chang (Intermediate) and Trini Lin & Catherine Cameron (Junior) were comfortable winners. In second place were "The Long & Short of Bridge" with the Open pairing of Ian Clayton & Karen Harris, while fourth place went to team "Glyde Time": Blair & Liz Fisher, Catherine & Jol Glyde, Lois Jones & Ian Ross.

Tournament Success by Hamilton Members



Hamilton Swiss Pairs	10 August	Hamilton
1 st	Karen Harris & Jenna Gibbons	
2 nd	Brett Glass & Gary Foidl	
3 rd	Ian Clayton & Alan Turner	
Cambridge Sixes	13 August	Cambridge
1 st Open	Liz & Blair Fisher	
2 nd Open	Yuzhong Chen & Herman Yuan	
3 rd Junior	Trini Lin & Catherine Cameron	
Tauranga Ladies Pairs	17 August	Tauranga
2 nd	Cynthia Clayton & Judy McLeod	
Te Awamutu Intermediate Pairs	20 August	Te Awamutu
1 st	Jeffrey Chang & Mark Thomson	
Waikato/Bays Interclub Teams	28 August	Cambridge
1 st	Jenny Millington, Barry Jones, Ian Clayton, Karen Harris	
Thames Restricted Pairs	11 September	Thames
2 nd	Jeffrey Chang & Yuzhong Chen	
Rotorua Open Pairs	17 September	Rotorua
2 nd	Yuzhong Chen & Gary Foidl	
3 rd	Cynthia & Ian Clayton	
Mt Maunganui Restricted Pairs	8 October	Mt Maunganui
1 st	Jeffrey Chang & Yuzhong Chen	
Matamata Intermediate Pairs	9 October	Matamata
1 st	Jeffrey Chang & Mark Thomson	

NZ National Congress	23 Sep- 1 Oct	Hamilton
1 st Youth Teams	Blair Fisher & team	
1 st Restricted Pairs	Michael Neels & John Kelly	
2 nd Novice Pairs	Carissa Oliver & Karen Harper	
1 st Back to the Future Teams	Ian Clayton & team	
3 rd Intermediate Teams	Nigel Gresson, Mark Thomson, Jeffrey Chang, Phil Thompson	
1 st Senior Teams	Ian Clayton & team	
1 st Point a Board Teams	Blair & Liz Fisher & team	
1 st Intermediate Swiss Pairs	Mark Thomson & Jeffrey Chang	
3 rd Intermediate Swiss Pairs	Kim Thompson & Cathy Nolen	

Waitomo Veteran Pairs	13 October	Te Kuiti
1 st	Michael Neels & John Kelly	

Taupo Open Pairs	15 October	Taupo
1 st	Liz & Blair Fisher	
2 nd	Hermann Hemmes & Henk Hemmes	

Te Awamutu Junior Pairs	16 October	Te Awamutu
1 st	Melinda Wang & Catherine Cameron	

Hamilton Congress	22-24 October	Hamilton
1 st Congress Pairs	Blair Fisher & John Davidson	
4 th Congress Pairs	Jenny Millington & Julie Atkinson	
1 st Intermediate Pairs	Trini Lin & Wendy Mortimer	
2 nd Intermediate Pairs	Judith Brooks & Sheila Smith	
3 rd Intermediate Pairs	Karen Thomson & Cathy Nolen	
2 nd Provincial Teams Qualifying	Blair Fisher & team	
4 th Provincial Teams Qualifying	Yuzhong Chen & team	
3 rd Congress Swiss pairs	Ian Clayton & Alan Turner	
3 rd Provincial Teams Final	Yuzhong Chen & team	



Monday Pairs E

Scratch

- 1 Jeffrey Chang & Mark Thomson
- 2 Catherine Cameron & Kevin McCarthy

Handicap

- 1 Patricia Thomson & Richard Loughnan
- 2 Catherine Cameron & Kevin McCarthy

Allen Family Trophy Individual

- 1 Carissa Oliver

- 2 Graeme Hope

Tuesday Daytime Winter Pairs

Scratch

- 1 Ian & Cynthia Clayton
- 2 Audrey Dickson & Judith Brooks

Handicap

- 1 Ian Clayton & Cynthia Clayton
- 2 Melva Johnstone & Mary Fear

Thursday Championship Pairs

Scratch

- 1 Mike & Cherie Barton
- 2 Ian Ross & Prue Butler

Handicap

- 1 Ian Ross & Prue Butler
- 2 Kevin McCarthy & Wendy Mortimer

Waymouth Trophy

Scratch

- 1 Blair & Liz Fisher
- 2 Ian Clayton & Linda Lin

Championship Pairs

Handicap

- 1 John Turner & Maria Kalksma
- 2 Lois Jones & Jane Weir

Tuesday Evening Pairs B

Scratch

- 1 Liz Kelly & Michael Kelly
- 2 Liz Gehrke & Jean Thompson

Handicap

- 1 Liz Kelly & Michael Kelly
- 2 Liz Gehrke & Jean Thompson

Monday Championship Pairs

Scratch

- 1 David Edson & Elaine Rayner
- 2 Judith Brooks & Raewyn Grylls-Thomas

Handicap

- 1 David Edson & Elaine Rayner
- 2 Judith Brooks & Raewyn Grylls-Thomas

Tuesday Afternoon Pairs B

Scratch

- 1 Malcolm Smith & Ian Clayton
- 2 Blair Fisher & Barry Jones

Handicap

- 1 Shirley Fransham & John Paterson
- 2 Malcolm Smith & Ian Clayton

Thursday Swiss Pairs

- 1 Judith Brooks & Kevin McCarthy

- 2 Jol & Catherine Glyde

Wednesday Championship Pairs

Scratch

- 1 Barry Jones & Jenny Millington
- 2 Brett Glass & Gary Foidl

Handicap

- 1 Barry Jones & Jenny Millington
- 2 Brett Glass & Gary Foidl

Friday Spring Pairs

Scratch

- 1 Diane Emms & Jane Stearns
- 2 Ian Clayton & Malcolm Smith

Handicap

- 1 Joan Egger & Joyce Catchpole
- 2 Billie Phillips & Coralie Robinson

Tuesday Evening Spring Pairs

Scratch

- 1 Vaughan Samuelson & Jane Weir
- 2 Donna Prentice & Graeme Hope

Handicap

- 1 Marian Kingham & Geoff Walpole
- 2 Ruentong Neave & Marz Sutherland

Monday Spring Pairs

Scratch

- 1 Anne McCarthy & Verna Beech
- 2 Francoise Campbell & Jane Weir

Handicap

- 1 Francoise Campbell & Jane Weir
- 2 Anne McCarthy & Verna Beech

Galbraith Trophy

Scratch

- 1 Keitha Burton & Audrey Dickson
- 2 Lucie Armstrong & Anna Farrell

Handicap

- 1 Billie Phillips & Allison Smith
- 2 Keitha Burton & Audrey Dickson

Thursday Spring Pairs

Scratch

- 1 Trini Lin & Catherine Cameron
- 2 Phil Thompson & Ian Ross

Handicap

- 1 Trini Lin & Catherine Cameron
- 2 Raewyn Grylls-Thomas & Roger Gunning

Friday Pairs B

- 1 Thelma Bird & Anna Farrell
- 2 Hermanna Hemmes & Henk Hemmes

- 1 Thelma Bird & Anna Farrell
- 2 Angela Lovell & Alyson Mackey

Tuesday Daytime Spring Pairs

Scratch

- 1 Malcolm Smith & Ian Clayton
- 2 Joan Egger & Bob Treloar

Handicap

- 1 Angela Lovell & Trini Lin
- 2 Malcolm Smith & Ian Clayton

Jack Vase Trophy

Scratch

- 1 Brett Glass & Ian Clayton
- 2 Mereana Cullen & Barry Jones

Handicap

- 1 Brett Glass & Ian Clayton
- 2 Mereana Cullen & Barry Jones

Thursday 3-Tier Teams

- 1 Richard Hooper, David Edson, Catherine Cameron & Trini Lin
- 2 Yuzhong Chen, Mark Thomson, Karen Thomson & Kim Thompson

Congratulations

Waikato/Bay of Plenty Intermediate League final result

This competition runs for 9 rounds across the Waikato Bays Region with points accumulating from each round. The final top 10 place getters win cash prizes.



1st Mark Thomson
2nd Jeffrey Chang

Well done!

Waikato/Bay of Plenty Junior League final result

This competition is similar to the Intermediate League above except it runs for only 6 rounds. The final top 6 place getters win cash prizes.



3rd equal Melinda Wang and
Catherine Cameron



Why not take part in one of these competitions next year? - playing in the tournaments is a lot of fun, good for your bridge, and you get to meet bridge players from across our region.



SUMMER BRIDGE

The regular bridge year for our club finishes towards the end of November – but for those who want to keep up with the play there is Summer Bridge!

Hamilton runs Summer Bridge 3 times a week in the months of December and January, excluding the Christmas / New Year holiday weeks.

Summer Bridge is open to ALL grades and ALL players (members of all bridge clubs). On Thursday nights and Friday mornings you will need to have organised your own partner, but on Tuesday nights you can just turn up and the Club will find you a partner on the night. (Please be there before 7.15 if you don't have a partner organised). Regular table money of \$3 applies. Summer Bridge is stand-alone scratch, with NS and EW winners each night given a voucher for a future free session of bridge at Hamilton.


2016 Summer Bridge - Tuesday and Thursday evenings & Friday morning:
Tuesdays at 7:00pm - November 29, December 6, 13 (no partner required)
Thursdays at 7:30pm - December 1, 8, 15 (partner required)
Fridays at 10:00am - December 2, 9, 16 (partner required)

2017 Summer Bridge - Tuesday and Thursday evenings & Friday morning:
Tuesdays at 7:00pm - January 3, 10, 17 (no partner required)
Thursdays at 7:30pm - January 5, 12, 19 (partner required)
Fridays at 10:00am - January 6, 13, 20 (partner required)

(Waikato Bridge Club also runs summer bridge on Monday nights if the above days and times don't suit)

From Lindsay's File

How can South make 4 Spades with a K clubs lead from West?

	North	
	6 4	
	8 5 3	
	J 10 9 4	
West		East
Q 3 2		A 10 8 3
A Q 9		---
K 8 3		J 10 6 4
K Q 6 2		7 6 5 2
	South	J 9 7 5 4
	A K J 10 9 8 7 5	
	K 7 2	
	A Q	

Answer in the next newsletter (February 2017), or if you don't want to wait that long it will be on the Results noticeboard at the bridge club later this month!

MORE ON LAST NEWSLETTER'S POSER

Some details were missing last time, so here is the full answer:

South takes the first trick with the king of diamonds, then follows with A K J of hearts and A K of spades. East is shown to have only 4 cards in clubs and diamonds. So South leads the King of clubs and Ace of diamonds, followed by the 10 of clubs which is overtaken with the ace of clubs in North. North now leads 8 of hearts which is won by East with 9 of hearts, while South discards J of spades, unblocking the suit.

East has no alternative but to lead a spade on which South discards J of clubs and the trick is won by North's 9 of spades, leaving North to claim the last two tricks with 8 and 7 of clubs.

Upcoming Events

TOURNAMENTS COMING UP AT OUR CLUB

Melbourne Cup Day	Tuesday 1 November
New Zealand Wide Pairs	Fri 4 November
Waikato Area Pairs 1	Sun 12 February 2017

OTHER EVENTS IN OUR REGION

Open Tournaments:

Thames Christmas Party	Thames	Sun 13 November
Waikato Christmas Party	Waikato Club	Sat 26 November
Rotorua Christmas Party	Rotorua	Sat 3 December
Huntly Christmas Party	Huntly	Sun 11 December

2017:

Thames Summer Festival (3 days)	Thames	Fri 6 January
Waikato/Bays Provincial Pairs	Tauranga	Sat 28 January
Tauranga Mini Congress Teams (3 days)	Tauranga	Sat 28 January
Kelly Peirse Memorial Teams	Rotorua	Sat 4 February

